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In re the Application of: **Ryoji KATO et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1642

Serial No.: 09/340,196

Examiner: **Anne L. Holleran**

Filed: **June 28, 1999**

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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 21, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 21, 2002**, extended to **February 21, 2003** by a one month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

75. (Amended) A method for determining malignancy of a thyroid tumor comprising:

(a) dividing a fluid originating from a living body into a first portion and a second

portion;

(b)(i) adding to the first portion a specific lectin or a specific antibody capable of binding to a specific structure of a sugar chain of a first type of thyroglobulin but not capable of binding to a sugar chain of a second type of thyroglobulin,

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